Anomey Docket No. 5431 P 009 JUN 3 0 2006 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Application of: Burns Phillips and Larry Griffith Application No.: 10/613,646 Examiner: Reimers, A. R. Confirmation No.: 4622 Filed On: July 2, 2003 Art Unit: 3733 For: SURGICAL RETRACTOR CLAMP CONNECTABLE TO AN ARM OF THE RETRACTOR 00000011 10613646 07/03/2006 CNEGA1 01 FC:2801 355.00 GP Mail Stop RCE Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the Final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \boxtimes **Enclosed** b. 冈 Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) i. Petition for Two Month Extension of Time; Revocation of Power of Attorney With New Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) Power of Attorney; Statement Under 37 CFR ii. Other iv. 3.73(b) w/ copies of Assignments attached; Return postcard. 2. Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.) Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. Check in the amount of \$620 enclosed for filing fee & extension fee.

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